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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Butte County Association of Government's (BCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 1          | <p><b>State Highway Element</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies funding for a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Butte County. The amendment programs an additional \$2,886,000 for the Right of Way phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03 for "State Route 149 four-lane Expressway Project (MPO ID: 702093)" in Butte County. The amendment also moves funding for the construction phase from FY 2002/03 to FY 2003/04 and programs a total of \$71,421,000 for the construction phase in FY 2003/04.</li></ul> <p><b>Local Highway Element</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies funding for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project for the City of Chico. The amendment programs \$295,000 in FY 2002/03 for the Right of Way phase for "East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Mangrove Avenue Intersection Project (MPO ID: 213042)" for the intersection improvements.</li><li>• Adds a Recreational Trails Program project for the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The amendment programs a total of \$174,500 in FY 2002/03 for "North Fork Trail (MPO ID: 814092)" project to construct a non-motorized 2.5 mile trail along the North Fork of Lake Oroville in Butte County. See enclosure.</li></ul> |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 1 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement

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Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the BCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The BCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans